consumption upto 9999 units which a domestic consumer is not likely to exceed in a period of four months.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) of the question.

Laying of Underground Transmission Lines by DESU

36. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DESU propose to remove all the overhead transmission lines and to lay them underground to prevent theft, breakdown, etc. of power;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when the work of laying underground transmission lines would begin; and

(d) the areas in which the work is to be completed during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) In view of the enormous expenditure involved and the resource constraints, DESU has no proposal for the present to convert the existing overhead system to underground system.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to parts (a) to (c) of the question.

Coal Production in the Country

37. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what was the coal production in the country during the last six months up to the 31st July, 1991 as compared to corresponding period last year;

(b) what were the despatches of coal during the same period indicating the increase in million tonnes and also percentage wise to defferent sectors *i.e.* power, steel, etc. in the country; and

(c) what further steps Government have taken or proposed to take to increased production of coal during the current year as compared to last two years in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDAR): (a) Coal production in the country during February-July 1990 and February-July 1991 was 101.06 million tonnes and 113.8 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The information is given below:—

(million tonnes)

Sector	Despatches (including washerymiddlings)			
	Feb—July, 1990	Feb—July, 1991	Increase	% age increase
Power	60·33	65·10	+4·77	+7·9
Steel	11·52	12·80	+1·28	+18·1
Cement	4·45	3·01	+0·36	+7·7
Others	25·40	28·47	+3.07	+12·1
TOTAL	101·90	111·38	+9·48	+9·3

(c) Steps taken to increase coal production during the current year *inter-alia* include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technologies to achieve maximum results and making available inputs and infrastructural facilities in time to optimise production of coal.

12.00 NOON

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Statement showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Fifty-ninth Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Fifty-ninth Section of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President... (*Interruptions*) [Placed in Library. *see* No. LT 467|91]

(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seat. I won't permit it. No, please (*Interruptions*) I know any issue can be raised from your seat. Every issue is important. Order, please.

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Bill, 1991

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I beg to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Bill, 1991, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 19th August, 1991."

Madam, I lay the Bill on the Table.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE—Contd.

Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Oil Industry Development Board, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): Madam, on behalf of my senior colleague, Shri B. Shankaranand, I beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of section 20 of the Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974:—

(i) Sixteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Oil Industry Development Board, New Delhi, for the year 1989-90, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Board. [Placed in Library *See* No. LT—469/91 for (i) and (ii)]

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library *See* No. LT—469|91]

Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Power Engineering Training Society, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE